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TAGS: XA, OAU, PEPR, LI

SUBJECT: OAU KHARTOUM SUMMIT

REF: MONROVIA 4418

1. SUPPLEMENTING COMMENTS MADE TO THE CHARGE BY FOREIGN MINISTER DENNIS CONCERNING THE OAU KHARTOUM SUMMIT (REFTEL, MARJON KAMARA, SPECIAL ASSISTANT TO THE FOREIGN MINISTER, TOLD THE POLITICAL COUNSELOR JUNE 21 THAT THE KHARTOUM MEETING COULD HAVE UNFORTUNATE CONSEQUENCES FOR THE FUTURE OF THE OAU UNLESS ITS MEMBERS FIND SOME MEANS TO ACT EFFECTIVELY IN THE ZAIRE SITUATION. UNLESS THE OAU CAN FIND A WAY TO TAKE CONCERTED ACTION, DIVISIONS AMONG OAU STATES WOULD BE EXACERBATED, FOREIGN INVOLVEMENT WOULD INCREASE AND THE AOU WOULD FIND ITSELF ON THE WAY TO DISSOLUTION. SHE SAID THAT THE GOL HAS NOT YET THOUGHT OUT AN APPROACH TO THE PROBLEM WHICH IT COULD PRESENT AT KHARGOUM, AND LEFT THE IMPRESSION THAT THE GOL WAS UNLIKELY TO TAKE AN INTIATIVE. SHE REVIEWED SOME POSSIBLE APPROACHES (E.G., AN ALL-AFRICAN HIGH COMMAND; AN OAU PEACE-KEEPING FORCE ALONG THE ZAIRE-ANGOLA BORDER)

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AND FOUND THEM ALL UNFEASIBLE. IN SUM, KAMARA SEEMED RESIGNED TO THE LIKELIHOOD THAT THE OAU WOULD BE UNABLE TO RESPOND EFFECTIVELY TO THE ZAIRE PROBLEM AND THAT ITS OWN PRESTIGE WOULD SUFFER ACCORDINGLY.

2. THE OAU MEETINGS IN KHARTOUM WOULD GO THROUGH THE MOTIONS ON ALL OTHER MAJOR ITEMS USUALLY COVERED BY THE

OAU, KAMARA SIAD, ALTHOUGH SHE THOUGHT MOST ATTENTION
WOULD BE ON THE ZAIRE SITUATION AND RELATED ISSUES.
GOL POLICIES AND VOTING PATTERNS WOULD REMAIN UNCHANGED.
ON THE ZIMBABWE QUESTION, FOR EXAMPLE, THE GOL WOULD
CONTINUE TO OPPOSE ATTEMPTS TO CONDEMN ANY NATIONALIST
ELEMENT AND TO SEEK TO PROMOTE UNITY AMONG ALL ELEMENTS IN
THE STRUGGLE FOR INDEPENDENCE. SHE HAD NO KNOWLEDGE
OF A POSSIBLE EFFORT TO CREATE A REGIONAL HUMAN RIGHTS
COMMISSION.
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